

## WYOMING 2024 CYBERSECURITY AWARD FOR SMALL BUSINESS IT GOES TO HPP'S JOE WHITEPLUME



High Plains Power (HPP) took first place in Wyoming's 2024 Cybersecurity competition for small businesses in the IT Help on Staff category. Joseph Whiteplume, Chief Information Security Officer for HPP has been like a magician in the background, making everything work, and securing the systems employees use every day.

"It's a team effort," says Whiteplume. But it takes a talented individual like Whiteplume to secure the present and look to the future to be prepared for what happens next.

Working with CyberWyoming, HPPs cyber risk score, while already low, has dropped even lower thanks to the partnership.

Technologies evolve and change quickly, and forward thinking people rise to that challenge, just like Joe Whiteplume.

## LIEAP NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS

Wyoming LIEAP is now accepting applications for assistance for the coming winter. They will continue to take applications until 31 March, 2025.

One significant change this year is that they will no longer be taking paper applications. Everything must be submitted online. If you have any questions about the process, please call LIEAP at 1 (800)246-4221, email them at lieapinfo@wyo.gov or go to their website www.lieapwyo.org.





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## That's a Wrap in Powder River

Since May, HPP's Casper crew has been working on infrastructure upgrades and maintenance leading out to Powder River. This project was completed in early October, with crews from Riverton coming in to assist with the final pole placements and wire pull. There were 77 poles replaced, as well as transformer upgrades, new conductor and other work over 1.8 miles of line going back to the substation.

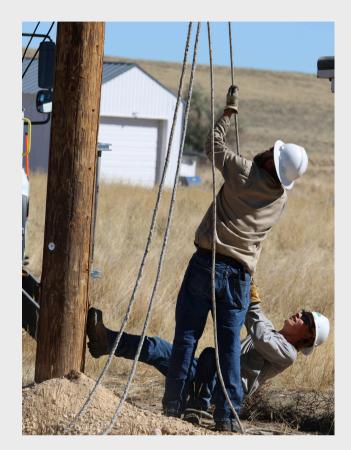
Crews still worked outages and new service installations in addition to the work at Powder River. HPP drafts up work plans several years out that help organize new infrastructure builds as well as maintenance and replacement work.





Crews from Casper and Riverton worked on the last day of the project in Powder River.

The majority of the work was done during three planned outages. As crews worked, they were able to cut over and move services to new sections of line. New services were added as needed and old, unused services were retired and removed.







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